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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 17 September 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions".

2. At its 21st meeting, on 5 November, the Fifth Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General concerning the vacancies in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions that would occur as a result of the expiration of the term of office of six of its members on 31 December 2004 (A/59/101);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General containing the names of eight persons nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2005 (A/C.5/59/5).

3. At the same meeting, the Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend to the General Assembly that it appoint Rajat Saha (India), Sun Minqin (China), Jun Yamazaki (Japan), Ronald Elkhuizen (Netherlands) and Jerry Kramer (Canada) as members of the Advisory Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2005 (see para. 7).

4. The Committee then proceeded to select, by secret ballot, one person from the three candidates proposed by the Latin American and Caribbean States. The result of the voting was as follows:

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Latin American and Caribbean States

Number of ballots cast:	185
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	185
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	184
Required majority:	93
Number of votes obtained:	
Jorge Flores Callejas	83
Santiago Wins	67
Nazareth A. Incera	34

5. In accordance with rule 93 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Committee proceeded to a second round of secret balloting for the two candidates who had obtained the largest number of votes. The result of the voting was as follows:

Number of ballots cast:	187
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	187
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	187
Required majority:	94
Number of votes obtained:	
Jorge Flores Callejas	105
Santiago Wins	82

6. Having obtained the required majority, Jorge Flores Callejas (Honduras) was recommended for appointment as a member of the Advisory Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2005 (see para. 7).

Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

7. The Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly appoint the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2005:

Mr. Ronald Elkhuizen (Netherlands)

Mr. Jorge Flores Callejas (Honduras)

Mr. Jerry Kramer (Canada)

Ms. Sun Mingin (China)

Mr. Rajat Saha (India)

Mr. Jun Yamazaki (Japan)